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號八十九英港

PRICE \$24 PER MONTH

ARRIVALS.

September 15, GALVESTON, British steamer, 704, J. Holman, Quinon, Tocro, and Holloway.

September 16, MARIE, German steamer, 704, J. Holman, Quinon, Tocro, and Holloway.

September 17, TIENTSIN, British steamer, 682, Qual.

September 17, THOMSON, General—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

September 17, SAINT, French steamer, 323, Laredo, Haiphong 10th September, and Tocro.

September 17, ANTENOR, British steamer, 1,376, T. W. Freeman, Liverpool 17th August, and Singapore 11th September, General—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

September 17, GLENNOLE, British str., 2,000, J. S. Higgin, Shanghai and Swatow 16th Sept.

September 17, JARDINE, MATHEWS & CO.

September 17, BILLY SIMPSON, British bark, 431, Brown, Bangkok 1st September, General—CAPTAIN.

September 17, ESPION, British gunboat, from a cruise.

September 17, PHOTOS, German steamer, 1,068, Sonnen, Magdeburg 17th September, General—SIEMSEN & CO.

September 17, HEROINE, British corvette, from a cruise.

September 17, STA. FILOMENA, Spanish sloop, 448, Y. de Montigaren Illeto 29th August.

General—CHINESE.

September 17, NO. 60, German torpedo boat, 45, Schmidt, Elbing 1st July.

September 17, IDUNA, German steamer, 237, N. Enke, Haiphong 14th September and Holloway 16th, Ballast.—A. R. MARTY.

September 17, KWANG-LEI, Chinese str., 1,068, Andrew, Whampoa 17th September, General—C. M. S. N. CO.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.

17TH SEPTEMBER.

Peking, British str., for Ningpo.

Thibet, Austro-Hung. str., for Singapore.

Glenogle, British str., for Singapore.

Tantallon, British str., for Nagasaki.

Drachenfels, German str., for Sagon.

Ela, German str., for Amoy.

Tenzen, British str., for Swatow.

Masculia, German str., for Yokohama.

Borneo, Dutch str., for Amoy.

Antenor, British str., for Amoy.

DEPARTURES.

September 17, ANTON, German str., for Haikow.

September 17, ACTIV, Danish steamer, for Haiphong.

September 17, VOLGA, French str., for Yokohama.

September 17, HEROINE, British corvette, for a cruise.

September 17, OCEANIC, British steamer, for Whampoa.

September 17, TANTALON, British steamer, for Nagasaki.

September 17, BORNED, Dutch str., for Amoy.

September 17, THIBET, Austro-Hung. str., for Europe.

September 17, GLAMIS CASTLE, British str., for London.

September 17, PEKING, Brit. str., for Shanghai.

September 17, ELVA, German str., for Amoy.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per Morris, str., from Quinon, etc.—168 Chinese.

Per Iduna, str., from Haiphong, etc.—1 Euro-Asian and 45 Chinese.

Per Glenogle, str., from Swatow—Mr. Dunn, and 986 Chinese.

Per Antenor, str., from Liverpool, etc.—Mr. and Mrs. Watthew and children, Mr. McEachan, and 400 Chinese from Singapore.

For Sta. Filomena, str., from Iloilo—Mr. Adolfo Roman.

DEPARTED.

For Volga, str., for Kobe—from Hongkong—Mrs. Blachynden and 3 children, Mr. and Mrs. Tony, Messrs. Byford and G. Smyth, for Yokohama—From Hongkong—Mr. Wilson, from Colombo—Messrs. J. Jenkins and S. French—From Macassar—Messrs. Makashin, Takaya, and Co. Petit.

Per Actie, str., for Haiphong—Mr. F. Gally.

REPORTS.

The German steamer Iduna, from Haiphong 14th September, and Holloway 16th, reports had no weather, calm, and N.E. sea.

The British steamer Glenogle, from Saigon 10th September, reports had light winds and fine weather throughout the passage.

The British steamer Glenogle, from Shanghai via Swatow 16th September, reports had moderate N.E. winds and fine, clear weather with E.S.E. swell.

The British steamer Antenor, from Liverpool 7th August, and Singapore 11th September, reports first part variable winds and fine weather, latter part strong northerly winds and equally.

The French steamer Seine, from Haiphong 10th September, and Tocro 14th, reports had fine weather and light wind to Tocro; thence to port light N.E. winds and fine weather throughout the passage.

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Hongkong, 1st January, 1886. [1681]

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kept at par or thereabouts for 70 years." It is evident also that there may be a limit to the possibility of economy in the use of gold, and when that point was reached the difficulty with which the commercial world is now contending would again make itself felt, whereas by adopting silver as full legal tender the annual supply of the precious metals available for currency would be permanently augmented, so that it would be better able to keep pace with the increasing demands made upon it without any such violent disturbance of values as we have lately experienced, that would now scheme for merely economising gold. The bi-metallists will, we think, have little difficulty in making out their case to the satisfaction of the Commission, and legislation will, it is reasonable to suppose, probably follow. The Times says:—"It may be that, as a matter of theory, bi-metallists have added and can add nothing to their case. The old insuperable objection that in the face of any great alteration in the intrinsic values of silver and gold, such as laws and Governments are powerless to prevent, no artifice can prevent the metal of increasing value from going out of circulation, will seem as valid, as ever it did, to unbiased critics." The objection here spoken of as insuperable is not so; it is, in fact, a purely imaginary one. As Mr. GREENFELT points out, the ratio between gold and silver was maintained for seventy years. The alteration in their relative value arose, not from causes such as laws and Governments are powerless to prevent, but was directly due to the action of Governments in discarding silver as full legal tender. How the ratio would be maintained is clearly explained by Professor NICHOLSON as follows:—"Let us suppose that all the nations of the world adopt bi-metalism at the ratio of 15½ : 1, which for the first seventy years of this century was about the average market rate. The assumption made as to the universality of the system at once gets rid of some of the most important causes affecting the market rate. It will be longer possible for one nation at the same time to increase suddenly the supply of one metal and the demand for the other for the purpose of changing its coinage. But in reality the assumption involves much more than this. Suppose that owing to any cause whatever—an unreasonable panic, for example—the market rate becomes 30 : 1. Then there will be a tendency for the dearer metal—gold—to be withdrawn from circulation, and for the cheaper metal to be coined to gain the superior value of coin; in other words, everyone will become a seller of gold and a buyer of silver; the gold coins will be melted, and the silver bullion coined. Obviously, however, the increase of the supply of gold and the diminution in the supply of silver in the bullion market will tend to raise the value of silver and lower the value of gold, and eventually the old ratio will be restored. This process is what informed the compensatory action of the double standard. For the sake of illustration an extreme case was taken, such as is extremely unlikely to occur in practice, since the compensatory action would come into play as soon as the market rate differed in the smallest degree from the legal ratio. When we take into consideration the enormous stock of gold and silver which the world possesses, and the fact that both are mainly used for coinage, it will be seen that only in case of most improbable events could the compensatory action fail." This doctrine of the compensatory action of the double standard has been before the world in a formulated shape for some time, but the Times, in its article, wholly ignores it, and speaks of "the old insuperable objection" of varying values, whereas both experience and theory demonstrate the possibility of fixing a ratio which shall be practically for all intents and purposes absolutely stable.

The Superintendent of the Eastern Extension Australasia and China Trading Company notifies that communication is restored with India and Europe by the Company's lines.

By kind permission of Captain Calvert, Dign-Searce will be held on board the British ship "Galatea" to-morrow morning at eleven o'clock by the Rev. A. G. Goldsmith, Seaman's Chaplain. The Boats' flag will be hoisted.

To-day, the 18th September, is the Papal, or French New Year's Day, the first of the year 1865 of King Yazidish of the Sassanian Dynasty of Iran. We heartily wish our Parsis friends a happy and prosperous new year.

The following telegram was received last night from the "Galatea" from the Manila Observatory:—"It appears that the typhoon announced yesterday is now to N.W. of King Yazidish of the Sassanian Dynasty of Iran, with direction towards N.W."

We note in the imports of India into the United Kingdom given by Mr. Edward Murchison & Co.'s circular dated 16th September, that African Ticos for the first time, 3,000 lbs. having been imported so far in the present year.

The British gunboat "Esopus," Lieutenant Commander Adams, returned to her moorings yesterday evening left on Thursday for a cruise, and the British corvette "Hercules" left the harbour yesterday morning for a cruise and returned in the afternoon.

We regret to hear of the death of the Rev. J. Collier of the London Missionary Society, which took place on the 1st inst. The Rev. gentleman was attacked by maddened fowls while bicycled by another complaint from which he had just commenced to recover. Mr. Edge came out in 1874, to join the mission here.

The "Singapore Free Press" of the 11th inst. says:—"Intelligence has been received from H.M.S. "Merlin" in which Mr. A. P. Tait, who was on a visit to the Coos Islands, has put into Busco, short of coal. This is considerably out of her course, and she may, perhaps, have to cruise along the coast of Sumatra to get firewood from place to place before reaching Batavia before she returns to Singapore."

Mr. J. Matheson, Inspector of Police, has been awarded a gold medal for good services rendered in connection with the prosecutions lately instituted against the members of the Triad Society and the Chinese constables who were charged and convicted of misconduct as members of the Police Force. We hear also that the Chinese interpreter Tai-Yau-ku has just been awarded a small silver one—for services rendered in the same connection.

A Chinese philanthropist of Penang has taken up the cause of distressed animals. The "Gazette" says:—"He has been instrumental in founding a Chinese Society for the Protection of Cruelty to Animals. This friend of the beasts has signed an intention of subscribing \$2,000 towards the fund, and we have no doubt the scheme will meet with hearty support."

The Government Astronomer, under yesterday's date, says:—"The barometer has been in the south and has fallen in the north. The typhoon west of Borneo appears to be small and is moving north-westward but does not threaten the Colony as already stated in last night's telegram. It is possible that there is another typhoon approaching southern Japan. The temperature is high, the humidity has increased, and the weather is cloudy."

A correspondent of the Indian Daily News says that the Russian Government is trying hard to induce the Rajah Sikhs to enlist in the Russian service; that they are offering handsome pay and allowances to those who enlist, and a little reduction leads to the conclusion that they must be the portion of the crew of the Siamese barque "Ban Lee," from whom the captain, Mr. Sharp, I have also secured two more letters, and that is all. There must be ten thousand men among many people concerned in this cargo boat matter; but when they were so lukewarm, though much pleasure in seconding the motion.

His Excellency—There can be no discussion after you have given your opinion.

His Excellency—Your Excellency—I don't think the Government has sufficient information to know what the matter is important.

THE SQUATTERS AT LAPAFAWAN.

Hon. A. P. MACEWEN—Am I to understand, that the first step is to take with reference to this important matter?

His Excellency—You can make a motion upon the subject if you like, if you give notice.

Hon. A. P. MACEWEN—My idea is this, that if the Government thinks it a matter of sufficient importance to appoint a commission to inquire into it, it is the duty of the Government to do so the thing carried out.

His Excellency—There can be no discussion after you have given your opinion.

His Excellency—It was an affair of the Council.

His Excellency—Your Excellency—I don't think the man who came out had any idea of that the man who came out as informants they would not have come down as informants they would not have come.

His Excellency—But what my friend opposite wishes to establish is a very suitable thing, that of having a local interpretation department, of young men who happen to have been born in the Colony or in the neighbouring Colony of Singapore. If necessary let them have a turn up at Peking to see what the practice of the Chinese is, when notice of a resolution is given, to consider in Executive Council whether it should be accepted or resisted. The hon. gentleman has not stated what the resolution is, but he can give notice to move it at the next meeting.

Hon. A. P. MACEWEN—The resolution is a very simple one, merely to put a light on the subject.

His Excellency—That means dollars, and the hon. gentleman is not in order, because if he reads the Royal Instructions he will find this passage:—(His Excellency read the regulation providing for the establishment of a Lighthouse on Gap Rock or its vicinity, and to move a resolution to rescind it.) He has not stated what his resolution is to do, but the resolution is to rescind it.

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